

Electric Utilities Task Group
Monday, July 28, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
12:30 p.m.

Present: EUTG members Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Also present: Michael Hickey, Bryan Wilson Deepwater Liaison, COO of BIPCo, Cliff McGinnes, CEO of BIPCo, Al Cazassa, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, First Warden Kim Gaffett

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 by Barbara MacMullan.

1. Public Input- None

2. Approval of minutes June 23, 2014.

Mr. Penn moved to approve minutes of June 23, 2014 as written, seconded by Everett Shorey.
Ayes 3 (Shorey, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0

3. Deepwater Update: Bryan Wilson, Deepwater Liaison updated the Group on the permitting process saying it was still going forward. He reported that ABS (American Bureau of Shipping) had been approved as verifying agent for the Block Island Wind Farm. Everett Shorey led the discussion about cable costs. With new numbers from the 2013 BIPCo Financials (attached) Mr. Shorey will update the original analysis of cable costs given to the Town Council last year. Town Manager Nancy Dodge mentioned that conversations were still going on about fiber-optics in the cable.

4. Discuss and act on timeline of potential Rate Case/Regulatory Proceedings related to Deepwater Wind (See attached timeline) The timeline will be forward to the Town Council after amendments are made by Mr. Shorey.

Discussed were:

- purchasing power by individuals, it was noted that this exists already but the process for individual purchasing is not known.
- policies that BIPCo is exempt from by State Law.
- adding the word “draft” to the timeline

Town Solicitor Kathy Merolla will be asked to list legislation that currently exempts BIPCo from certain policies.

Mr. Penn moved a motion to send the amended timeline to the Town Council It was seconded by Barbara MacMullan.

Ayes 3 (Shorey, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0

5. Discuss and act on funding available from RI Office of Energy Resources Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative-A recommendation at a previous meeting was forwarded to Town Council in support of BIPCo's request for funding of streetlight replacement.

6. Discuss and act on RUS High Cost grant program –This is a grant that BIPCo is submitting for a distribution upgrade. Cliff McGinnes COO of BIPCo stated that the cost of this upgrade will be about (\$40,000,000) forty million dollars. The Town has offered support to BIPCo in submitting this grant.

7. Review BIPCo FY 2013 Financial date-Mr. Shorey mentioned that this was actually data from summer of 2012 and it will be used to update cable costs to forward to the Town Council. The EUTG also requested that the clerk post this on the Town website.

8. Discuss potential for burying power lines-Michael Hickey asked:

- What is the process to get this item going?
- What could be the mechanism for funding i.e. ratepayers or taxpayers?

Mr. Penn moved to recommend that the Town Council take another look at burying the power lines and to charge the appropriate department with looking at this issue.

Ayes 3 (Shorey, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0

9. Presentation of Peter Marte of Hanna Solar on solar power for Block Island. Due to Mr. Marte's absence this item was postponed.

With no further business Bill Penn moved to adjourn, seconded by Everett Shorey to adjourn at 1:40 and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 8/25/2014

Bonny Ryan